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[Postmarked NY, March 31, 1965]

Dear Laura Jane - What a great blizzard we are having today.

Huntley was voted out, they called a meeting. They will give him until May-1st to get out, he will receive ten thousand dollars, to get out. Isn't that a shame for a minister. He's making trouble all around poor John. The church is split and half of the people don't speak. Where is Mr. God (I think he went to Israel).

My dear time goes so quickly we'll soon be seeing each other again, I loved the Valentine thank you for the enclosed, you're so good to me, I don't deserve all that. I hope you are well and all goes well. Sorry about Ed, hope he's O.K. now. People

here have had these awful
coughs, you just can't
shake them, they are
with you until spring -

Love to you

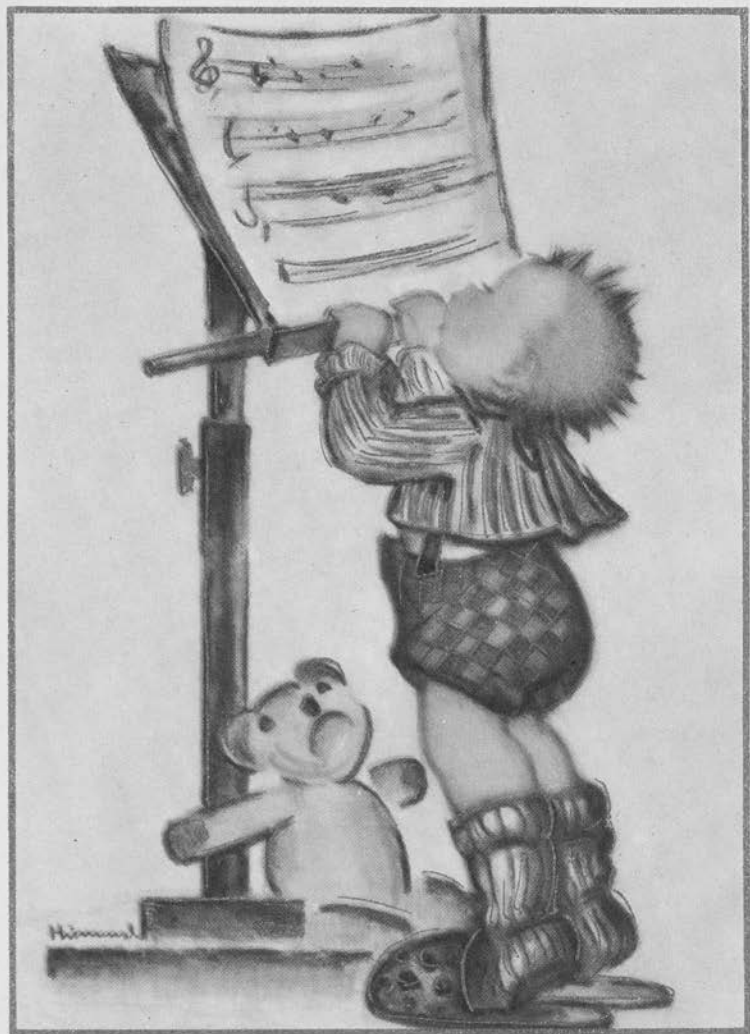
+ Pauline + Ed,

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THELMA VOTIPKA

[Postmarked:
N.Y. July 6, 1960]

Dear Laura Jane -

I sent you a little remembrance
for your birthday from Macy's.
I also mailed you a letter-
and card that was written
several days ago and
was never mailed. I'm such
a "cluck".

I hope you had a nice holiday.
I took it easy. my blood
pressure is way down

I must go to the Dr this week.

I hope you are having a nice summer, I'm sure you are in this lovely spot your home.

Enjoy yourself -

Love to you dear -

from "Us."

T.V.G.

Thank Ed also for his
helping me around.

I am sorry I did not see
Dadline, give her my best.

Take care of yourself and
enjoy your life

Love
Thekla.



[Postmarked:
Detroit, Mich.
May 28, 1960]

DEAR LAURA JANE,

HAD A nice time here
in Detroit have a room
on the twenty third floor
on the corner overlooking
the lake and the city.

I like the shops, they are
lovely. an enormous store
here called Hudsons, I
have been in there

browsing around every day.

I leave Sat. for Toronto, I do not have to go to Rochester which is such a relief for me, because it is a day trip there and also returning to Tor.

The weather has been fine but it looks like rain today.

It was so nice to meet all these nice ladies from Little Falls.

I had such a nice time in Minn. with you, its rare that I ever have so much time.

I hope you had a nice trip home. You look so well and everything is settling into its own for you.

THELMA VOTIPKA

[Postmarked
New York
Feb. 23 1960]

DEAR LAURA JANE -

glad honey your arm
is better. Thank you so
much for the Valentine,
you're a dear. I was very
worried about Ed.
We have a series of coughs
here where people almost
choke begins with a very
painful sore throat.
I'm sorry, I hope Ed
is O.K. now.

Its cold but no snow
here I have been reading
about the awful snows
around the country.

I got my contract
for another year. I was
most pleasantly surprised.
I will see you in Minn
I hope. I don't know
if I sing there or not
I'm only doing a few
of the Gypsy Baronson
the tour.

THELMA VOTIPKA

I hope you are doing fine
Keep away from the
grippe. Its a mess here.

I'm going along in my
usual stride.

They are having a meeting
of the church Wed. to
vote on Huntley.

Some mess -

Will let you know the
results.

THE BLACK WATCH
ROYAL HIGHLANDERS



OFFICER AND SENTRY

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Valentine's
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FOR ADDRESS ONLY



BRITAIN

Mrs Laura Jane
Messer
Lynden Hill
Little Falls
Minn

Sent you a cup
and saucer -
hope you like it
Love Thelma

THELMA VOTIPKA

Postmarked
New York, NY
Nov. 191960

Dear Laura Jane, The concert
was last nite, Your great help
kept them from going into
deficit. The last minat Rogers
got sick and I dug around
and found a singer from the
City Center, a girl by the name
of Steffan she did very well
but you know that church
is not for anything artistic.
I just heard something
over the air - about one

sending 1000 to the new
Lincoln Square "Met" for
that your name will appear
on a plaque on the set.

Is this what you mentioned
or had in mind doing for
your father and mother?

There is so much intestinal
"flu" here it is awful and
also heavy chest colds.

I take a big hunk of honey
from the comb only.
and chew the wax, its

THELMA VOTIPKA

very good for sinus trouble.
It helps me very much.

Weather here has been great
but too warm.

Arabella went over with a
long last nite.

I gave out the Tickets
for the concert, to the people
we spoke about. They all
want to thank you.

Well Laura Jane I miss you
and hope all is well.

Now comes the best season
of the year for ~~you~~ me
Dec - 1st - 30th. How I
enjoy the Christmas month.

Mrs. Becker was married
last week, lived to be 87.

Love to You from both
of us -
Thelma.

a note



HOTEL WHITCOMB

MARKET STREET, AT EIGHTH

SAN FRANCISCO 1

Dear Laura Jane -

Thank you for letter
etc.

Don't feel unhappy
about people, they will
tangle you up if they
can honey. Don't give
them such respect and
importance. I get
fed up with these

christians myself.

I would never give a
church anything.

I see how they waste
it.

John is busy knocking
himself out for the
holidays. I get angry
with him but he is
much better this year
he use to use his own
money for ~~publicity~~
publicity, last year



HOTEL WHITCOMB

MARKET STREET, AT EIGHTH

SAN FRANCISCO 1

we spent 300⁰⁰
dollars, that was our
gift to the church but
no more. We can
use it it was a big
sacrifice for us but
it was for the music.
believe me girl I
had it after that.
I do not ring in
Mum. I don't believe

I will be so happy to
see you and I hope
get out to the house.
I will stay at the
same hotel.

Will be at Parker
House in Boston

The Cleveland in Clev.

Take care of yourself.

Love from us -
T & J.



Miss Laura Jane Musser
Little Falls,
Minn.

"Lunders Hill"

THELMA VOTIPKA

Dear Laura,

Excuse pencil, can't find my pen.

I will send you toilet water. Have been subasy, and ill for a week with stomache and intestinal virus.

Singing right along but have not taught for two weeks.

You got the cards, 100 of them never got off the

table, I did two church services for John, and had four shows in one week. too much for me, am feeling better now.

The weather has been fine not too cold.

I'm glad your hand is better, N.Y.C. is a jinx for you isn't it?

I am going on the whole tour, so if you are in Minn when we get

THELMA VOTIPKA

there, I will have a chance
again to see you.

I'm glad you returned
to Minn. to your own Dr.
There are so many Drs.
here unless you know for-
sure, they could cripple
you.

We will have a lot to visit
about so I hope I won't
be doing too much

singing, I believe mostly
covering.

Keep well - Miss you,
Give my best wishes to
Ed + Pauline for a happy
new year -

All good health and
happiness to dear Laura
Jane -

Love from us both
Thelma -



Miss Laura Jane Musser
Linden Hill
Little Falls Minn.

THELMA VOTIPKA

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Dear Laura Jane,

We surely have a prolonged winter; it has been so cold and so many people with these awful colds that hang on, one student cancelled five out of ten lessons he just can't get rid of it.

Mr. H. was voted out, but allowed to stay until May 1st. He will receive ten thousand dollars his bribe. He has no shame. Fights with every one. I think he has a screw loose in his head. I will be happy when

He says his final Amen.

Some of his friends are now
taking up a petition to have
him re-instated. I never met
such a bunch of wishy washy
people as are in that church.

They have the music school
going, don't send any
more money, until I go
over and look at it.

Pay no attention to their
requests. They go too far.

Well I am getting ready

THELMA VOTIPKA

for the tour. You will be one
bright spot on it. I don't
know if I sing in Minn
or not.

I am glad your hand is
almost well, you were
very lucky my dear.

N.Y. is getting to be a fright
be happy you have your
own home, how I wish I
had mine, this living with
crowds of people is not

easy.

Well Laura this is just a
note to tell you I'm thinking
about you -

Love from us both
Thelma.



Miss Laura Jane Musser
Linden Hill
Little Falls,
Minn.

THELMA VOTIPKA

[Postmarked: NY
July 5/1962]

Dear Laura Jane

Well summer is here
these past few days have
been wonderful, and I am
trying to house clean.

They raised our rent here
25-¢ per-month, which is
a lot; I ran my legs off
these past few weeks
looking for another apt.
By the time we pay the
moving expenses etc.: we
are not ahead at all

Its so difficult to find a
place to teach.

You will have a birthday
soon, I will remember
it a little later don't
think I have forgotten
it.

I was glad to get home
from the tour, its always
a rat race. It was so
much fun to see you
Thank you for all
your kindnesses to

me.

We have a very nice
intrum minister, &
Dr Coe, you would like
him.

Huntly is still around & they
gave him \$10,000, now
he is doing everything
possible to make trouble.
What a fellow he is
really the things he has
done are unbelievable.

John is in Pa. he has
work there and trouble

One of his tenants was
taken to the hospital
six weeks ago, now he
has no money to pay
rent a few others are
out of work, so every
one has there troubles.
Must be grand to be
in your pool.

Well honey I must go
on with my work
just that I would
drop you a note

Let you know I
think of you -

My best to Pauline
and Ed.

Love

Thelma -

John sends his "best"

I hope you are well
now, busy for Christmas.
I do not for much
any more, must be fun
for you with all the
children around.

Mr Becker died about
2 weeks ago he was 87.
Maybe I told you that.
Take care, miss you

Love from us -

Thelma.

[Postmarked: NY. Dec. 6, 1960]



Dear Laura Jane,

I received your
letter, got a bang
out of your contact
with this woman you
have to watch out more
and more for this type
of person, but your
pretty smart.

Mrs D. did not mention
anything to me, in fact
I never see her, when
I go, I never go to the

coffee hour.

I went to the opening of "Amelot" one of my students is in the ensemble, and she invited me. I enjoyed it, the costumes and sets are beautiful, the story a little slow, the music good. I had a grand time watching the celebrities prance around.

I was miserable sitting in the balcony, that's why I never go to the theatre, if I can't sit way down front I rather stay home, (so I'm home most of the time).

I had terrible cold was in bed for a week. Now I start the dentist, always something



Sheraton-Cleveland Hotel

Cleveland, Ohio

Postmarked:
Atlanta, Georgia
May 3, 1962

Dear Laura Jane -

I read your letter with great interest and laughs. This world is in some state.

Mr Lombard was here why I don't know. I went out yesterday to an estate here, saw forty Beagle hounds, many horses, and most beautiful flowers & garden.

The houses here are fair Gypsy Baron is the only one that was almost sold out. Andrea Cherni was very poor.

I saw many of my old friends saw my family they are all fine. Went to so many parties the only chance I have to see some of my friends. Weather has been horrible cold and rain.

Well Laura, time goes quickly
and we will see what we
can do when I arrive.

We have new rules here now.
I will see you as much as I
can.

Give my best to Pauline
and Ed -

Love

Thelma.

[1960s?]

Dear Laura Jane,
Thank you for your lovely
Kerchief and card.

I'm having a new dress made
for the concert. I have to
wear a long dress and I
don't own one. It's pretty
dark beige, simple with a
coat.

We are having 96 percent
more robberies, so scares
me to be here alone but
John will return this week.

I had to buy him a ticket
for the concert, the prices
are so high - 200⁰⁰ down

stairs, John will sit
in a 10⁰⁰ seat at the
top of the house.

Well little girl have
A good Easter.

Tell Ed, I loved the
story -

Love

Thelma
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[1960s?]

Dea Laura Jane,

The two boxes of the Vitamins arrived, the liver is new to me, seeing I'm a nemice I'm sure it will help. John said its the best one. I have not had any colds since you have been sending us the "V". C.

Again many many thanks for your thoughtfulness on us.

The first of March will soon be here. I'm so glad the spring is so close to us, the winter was not enjoyable. we have had so much rain.

I have to go thru a dental mess, I just can't stand it. Take good care of your teeth, I need so much

attention it will take me
all summer to get fixed.

The "Met" had a bad season
seats were always available
the price is so high
I went a few times, they sent
me tickets, John enjoys going
more than I do. I get homesome
for the old house, (an old die hard).

Things are high, my class
is not so full, but I don't
mind, I was working a
little too hard.

Dear Laurajane take care of
your self please, thank you
~~again~~ again

Love Best to You
John & John

Miss
Zehlman John

Laurel Jane Musser
Little Falls

Kinder Hill Minn.



Dear Laura Jane

[1960s?]

I sent you two records, last week
and forgot to put my name with them,
those came to you instead of the
bread. I hope you liked them.

There is a chance that I may have
a solo record out, a company is
interested in me, and would like
to do it, I am going to try to put
your two songs on it, if its O.K.
with you.

Just got over a horrible sinus
Attack.

Weather is crazy here. just like
the people.

Hope all is well with you -

Love

Thelma -

John says Hi?

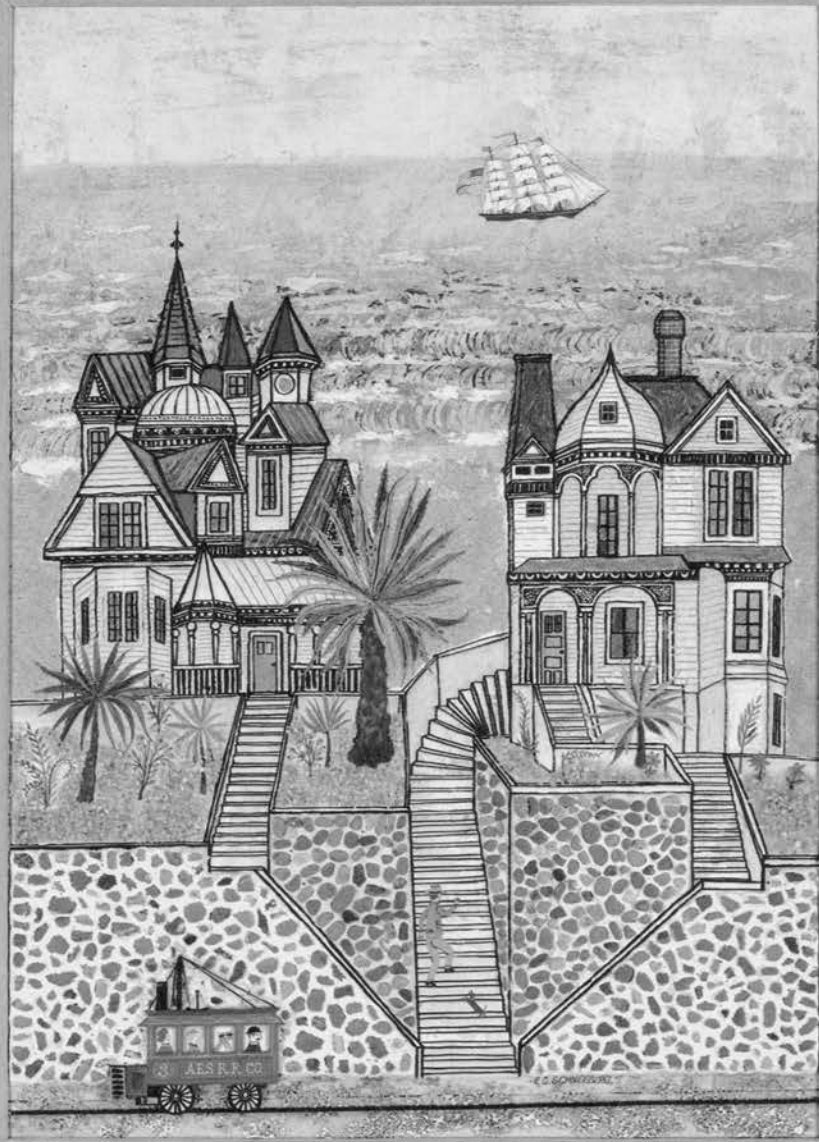
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[1960s?]

THELMA VOTIPKA

Laura Jane dear

They phoned me from
the settlement ^{house} And told me
they received the cheque and
the beautiful letter you wrote.
It was such a beautiful gesture
on your part, may you
receive the reward in
some special blessing.
John and I both thank you.

Well if you don't go west
this year you can go

next summer.

I love my picture, it
faces me as I teach
and gives me great
pleasure to gaze on it
and I say my good friend
Laura Jane bought that
for me.

I teach here almost every
day but students go away
in the summer, but I make
the rent and that's all
I worry about.

I don't think we will

THELMA VOTIPKA

go away but I don't mind
I love N.Y.C. and can
have such a good time
running here and there
as you know I do.

I'm going to make another
trip to the U.N. I have
much pleasure in going
there for lunch, looking
in the shops, seeing all
the tourists.

you have a busy time too.

We had a funny time
here yesterday. They are
replacing some of the
pillars on this balcony.
They could only get in
thru my apt.

I'm teaching, five men
walk by carrying,
cement blocks, mortar-
talking load,

THELMA VOTIPKA

the Accompanist is bawling
away student sing the
mad scene from Lucia

I'm correcting her diction,
was like a comedy.

John has a partial plate
in his mouth, he has spent
three days at the dentist
plus a bill of two hundred
and twenty-five dollars.

Take good care of your teeth

I'm on a diet. HA! HA!

My Dr has given me something called "preludin" works well and has no' bad effects.

You have such a lovely place to spend the summer - so don't feel bad if you don't get away.

The winter time is when I would head for Florida or Cal. but the summer should be grand where you are

THELMA VOTIPKA

It was fun to see you
dear, seems we never got
enough time to get talked
out.

Have fun -

My best to Pauline and
Ed + Family -

Lots of love from

John + me

X
Thelma

Did you ever get the
recording of Rita Streich

The last one she is such a perfect
singer. If you can't get them
at your home, I'll tell my student
At fischer's to send it to you
T.

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= LITTLE FALLS MINN

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Dear Laura Jane [1960-7]
I watch the temperature
in Minn. you surely are
having cold weather.

Thank you so much
for the check and the
sweet Valentine, your
dear to think on me.

I keep going along
as usual. John was
here for a couple of
months, but returned

to Pa. yesterday,
he will come home
again in a few weeks.
Mrs Bush was thrilled
with your letter, she's
such a sweet person
& college graduate.

I have been invited
to judge the finalists
in National music
League. I'm not interested
I've seen so many

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Miss Laurayne Musser
Linden Hill
Little Falls
Minn.